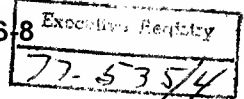


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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs

FROM : Admiral Stansfield Turner, USN *ST*
Director of Central Intelligence (Designate)

SUBJECT : PRM 10

1. I have reviewed the draft terms of reference for PRM 10 distributed on 2 March, and in general concur. The Intelligence Community will give support of PRM 10 its highest priority.

2. In order for this study to be completed within the deadlines established, it will be necessary for the Working Groups to define as precisely as possible the specific supporting work they will require. I therefore urge that they take as their first task the preparation of detailed outlines, before task forces are formed and extensive drafting begins. In this connection, the valuable work done for NSSM 246 should be utilized whenever relevant.

3. We note that the study calls for consideration of the usual range of alternative strategies for US/USSR confrontation. It would be useful if the Working Groups would give some of their attention to ways of breaking out of this framework. Otherwise, the final study is likely to produce a range of force postures quite similar to those of previous studies.

4. The multiplicity of contingencies (Para. IIB2) may hinder rather than help a net force posture assessment. The second sentence of that paragraph might be worded: The following kinds of contingencies might be considered: (Final selection to be made by Force Posture Working Group). Also in this paragraph, an explicit reference might be made to China, however low we rate its present threat.

5. While I support the objective, I believe we will either have to limit the scope or extend the time frame.

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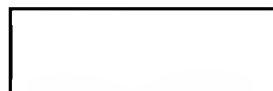
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Attached is a memorandum to Dr. Brzezinski on PRM 10, revised as you requested this morning. I believe that your concern that the study be narrowed to something realistically do-able in the time we have would have more impact if you added it in long-hand, as you suggested. For this reason I have not strengthened that portion of the text.

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